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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/937,864) Group Art Unit: 1642
Filed: March 31, 2000) Examiner: Yu, Misook
For: "METHODS FOR DETECTING)
CANCER CELLS")

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, designated as Paper No. 17 in the above-captioned application, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.